



## Police Department

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October 14, 2019

MuckRock News  
Attn: John L'Etoile  
DEPT MR 80460  
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Somerville, MA 02144-2516

RE: Public Records Act Request for ALPR Info

Good afternoon Mr. L'Etoile,

I am responding to your Public Records Act request received by our department via mail on 9/23/19 regarding ALPR data (attached). This is actually the third time I have responded. For some reason I keep getting follow up requests via email. These follow up requests even include my originally emailed response to you, per the request's direction, that I sent on September 27, 2019. I am sending this via mail hoping that it will be received. I have included a copy of one of your follow up emails.

Please be advised that the San Luis Obispo Police Department does not utilize License Plate Readers so we have nothing to provide in response to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tera Rapp".

Tera Rapp  
Records Supervisor  
San Luis Obispo Police Department



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## Rapp, Tera

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City of San Luis Obispo Police Department  
PRA Office  
1042 Walnut Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

October 14, 2019

This is a follow up to a previous request:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following California Public Records Act request, copied below, and originally submitted on Sept. 16, 2019. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response.

Thanks for your help, and let me know if further clarification is needed.

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Subject: Public Records Act Request  
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Sincerely,

Tera Rapp  
Police Records Supervisor  
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On Sept. 16, 2019:  
Subject: California Public Records Act Request: ALPR DETECTIONS/HITS/SHARING

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, I hereby request the following records:

- 1) The names of agencies and organizations with which the Agency shares ALPR data;
- 2) The names of agencies and organizations from which the Agency receives ALPR data;
- 3) The names of agencies and organizations with which the Agency shares “hot list” information;
- 4) The names of agencies and organizations from which the Agency receives “hot list” information.

This information is easily available within the Agency’s LEARN system. The simplest way to extract this data is to generate an “Agency Data Sharing Report” PDF file from within LEARN. To do this, a user may simply go to the “Sharing” section of LEARN and select “Output Report.” A CSV/XLS file containing these records would also satisfy this request.

The instructions for extracting this data is described on pages 62-63 of the LEARN Agency Manager Guide, which may be found at this link:

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3860685-LEARN-5-1-Agency-Manager-Guide.html>

An example of this record may be found at this link:

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3936113-Palos-Verdes-Estates-Police-Department-Data.html>



A number of other agencies have regularly determined the above information constitutes a public record and have provided an "Agency Data Sharing Report." These agencies include:

Anaheim Police Department, Antioch Police Department, Bakersfield Police Department Chino Police Department, Clovis Police Department, Elk Grove Police Department, Fontana Police Department, Fountain Valley Police Department, Glendora Police Department, Hawthorne Police Department, Irvine Police Department, Livermore Police Department, Lodi Police Department, Long Beach Police Department, Montebello Police Department, Orange Police Department, Palos Verdes Estates Police Department, Red Bluff Police Department, Sacramento Police Department, San Bernardino Police Department, San Diego Police Department, San Rafael Police Department, San Ramon Police Department, Simi Valley Police Department, and the Tulare Police Department.

We further request the following records:

- 5) The aggregate number of "detections" (i.e. license plate scans and associated data) collected during 2016;
- 6) The aggregate number of detections collected during 2017;
- 7) The aggregate number of detections collected during 2018;
- 8) The aggregate number of "hits" (i.e. times that a plate on a hotlist was detected) during 2016;
- 9) The aggregate number of "hits" during 2017;
- 10) The aggregate number of "hits" during 2018.

This information is easily available within the Agency's LEARN system. The simplest way to extract this data is to generate a "Dashboard Hit Ratio Report" PDF file from within LEARN. We would prefer the data for each year to be provided separately.

An example of this document may be found at: <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3870802-Sacramento-PD-Hit-Ratio-Rpt-010112-051917-Redacted.html>

The instructions for extracting this data is described on pages 78-79 of the LEARN Agency Manager Guide, which may be found at this link:

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The following agencies have regularly determined the above information constitutes a public record and have provided an "Dashboard Hit Ratio Report." These agencies include:

Anaheim Police Department; Bakersfield Police Department; Chino Police Department; Clovis Police Department; Elk Grove Police Department; Fontana Police Department; Irvine Police Department; La Habra Police Department; Laguna Beach Police Department; Lodi Police Department; Sacramento Police Department; San Diego Police Department; San Ramon Police Department; and the Red Bluff Police Department.

For a list of other agencies that have provided records of these nature, please visit: <https://www.eff.org/pages/explore-alpr>

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 calendar days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,



John L'Etoile

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